

RESOLUTION

OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF INDIANA,

TO

Postpone the public sales of land in the Miami reserves.

MARCH 31, 1848.

Ordered to lie on the table, and be printed.

A JOINT RESOLUTION to postpone the public sales of land in the Miami reserves.

Whereas, by the proclamation of the President of the United States all of the unsold lands in the different Miami reserves in this State are to be offered at public sale in the month of May next; and whereas, under the pre-emption law of 1846 said lands have been for several months subject to private entry by actual settlers, whereby the best and most valuable lands have already been purchased, leaving the more inferior lands yet unsold, a great portion of which is now settled upon and largely improved by individuals who have not the present ability to purchase the same at the high minimum price at which the same must be sold under said pre-emption law; and whereas, from the practice of the government heretofore in similar cases, the said settlers were induced to believe that the said public sales would not take place until a much later period; and whereas, in the opinion of this General Assembly, justice to the said settlers requires that the said public sales should be postponed; that such postponement would tend to encourage the settlement and sale of large quantities of said lands which would otherwise remain unsold and unimproved: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives be requested, to use their utmost exertions to procure the passage of a law by Congress postponing the public sales of said lands for five years from the time the last surveys of the same were returned to the General Land Office.

Be it further resolved, That his excellency the governor be directed to transmit a copy of the foregoing joint resolution to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress, with as little delay as practicable.

WILLIAM A. PORTER,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PARIS C. DUNNING,

President of the Senate.

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